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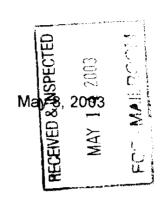
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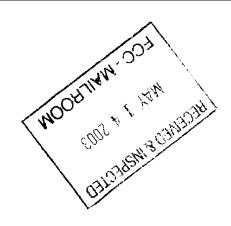
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Dear Chairman Powell.

I would like to voice my concern that you heed Commissioner Copps' advice to delay the June 2 vote on media ownership (consolidation) until the facts are more fully known and debated in public forums and the media. This issue is so vital to our social, political and intellectual life that an honest decision cannot be arrived at while the majority of the public is left unaware of the potentially disastrous results!

Thank you for your consideration.

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This attempt could allow giant media conglomerates to present one side of arguments and could hurt future elections of government officials. The environmental groups already have influenced too many celebraties who voice their opinions to American citizens endangering our national forests with fires. It is discouraging to see so many young people change their opinions just because their idols view things differently.

Those who are lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules have a track record of attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news.

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Please help the FCC support democracy and freedom rather than bend to interest groups which cannot tolerate controversy in their agendas.

Thank you for your concern,

Richard R. Gartner, Jr.

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Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554



#### Commissioner Adelstein:

I wish to offer you my thanks for the effort you have made to involve the public in the review of FCC rules. As you well know, repeal or significant modification of these rules would likely open the door to numerous mergers. This will assure that media ownership will become even more concentrated among fewer companies than it already is, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised. The emergence of cable and satellite conglomerates has proven that more channels do not translate into the diverse voices, enhanced localism, or even variety in programming which are essential to a pluralist culture and the democratic process.

I am aware that Chairman Powell favors deregulation and holds the opinion that consolidation is simply a healthy trend in business, dictated by market forces. However, the relationship citizens in a democracy have with media does not compare to that which we have with other "products." The mass media shape our thoughts, decisions, and values and indeed, should provide the information and news we need to fully participate in our democratic society. An understanding of the profound impact the media have upon our lives and our democracy led to the establishment of the Federal Communications Commission and to its primary mission: to ensure that our airwaves are used by broadcasters in the "public interest."

Certainly, the "public interest" is best served by informing the citizenry of the intended changes and by allowing for further public and governmental response to decisions which will likely reconfigure American media, journalism, and democracy dramatically. I am aware that the Chairman has cited governmental pressure (which I suspect initially emanates from the powerful communications lobby) as a cause for the acceleration of the decision-making process. Please remind him that a clear directive to slow the process down is now being put forth; doing so could thus be enacted without reproach. Please continue to do all you can to insist that the proposed changes be disclosed and opportunity for comment extended.

I thank you again for upholding the FCC's mission to protect the public's interest throughout these proceedings.

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing you to express my very deep concern about allowing further consolidation of the media. Continued consolation of media will be the death of democracy in America.

News and entertainment media have already been far to greatly consolidated and the American people are at this time in serious jeopardy of having access to timely, complete news and a broad public dialogue. Even to consider allowing further consolidation is dangerous folly. The reasons are too numerous to recount, but here are just a few:

Control the media, control the message: 1) There is a clear disincentive for journalistic investigation into corporate fraud when the corporation pays the salary of the journalist. As we have discovered recently with the collapse of Enron, corporate fraud is not merely a paper problem – it severely hurts people. 2) Corporations give very large donations to political parties because they expect something in return. This "expectation" provides precious little incentive to investigate when an elected official is using public resources to replace the plumbing in his house, or receives a kickback from a grateful board of directors for supplanting public policy. 3) And finally, why would a media giant allow a story to air that might seriously injure the chances of re-election of a congressional senator who is friendly to the giant's plans? We must have a press that is free to report the truth, a press that is not hindered by corporate and political concerns.

Absentee local media will never meet local needs: 1) Witness Minot North Dakota where a dangerous chemical spill could not be reported to the local population because the multi-national conglomerate which owns six of seven of Minot's radio stations had fired almost all of the employees in order to consolidate operations. There was literally no one answering the urgent phone calls from public officials to air news about the spill. As a direct result of this corporate monopoly, people were seriously injured, livestock and pets were killed, private property was destroyed. This was not a unique event – circumstances like this will happen again, and again, and again. 2) Let's take this real-life example a very small step further. When local media outlets are owned and operated by the same entity, who will provide more than one point of view? Surely even the most wildly optimistic can understand how dangerous it is for citizens of a democracy to have access to limited points of view.

Unbiased, unfettered news reporting is essential to the public good and essential to a healthy, meaningful democracy. Impartial and adequate reporting is predicated on serving the public, not the corporate good, and will never occur when large multi-national giants control the message and the budgets. I call upon the FCC to do it's job to ensure that the public good is maintained in media by not allowing further consolidation of media resources. Continued consolation of media will be the death of democracy in America.

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